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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PIT POSITIONS REQUIRED TO MEET CONSULAR PEAK
SEASON WORKLOADS

REF: MEXICO 1993

1. EMBASSY AND CONSULAR POSTS IN MEXICO ANTICIPATE
HEAVIEST AND LONGEST PEAK SEASON NIV AND PROTECTION WORKLOADS IN
HISTORY. PREDICTION IS BASED UPON:

(1) EARLY EASTER SEASON; (2) OLYMPICS IN MONTREAL;
(3) U.S. BICENTENNIAL; (4) HEALTHY MEXICAN ECONOMY;
(5) U.S. TRAVEL BARGAINS OWING TO RELATIVELY HIGH MEXICAN
INFLATION RATE; (6) APPARENT EVER-INCREASING URGE AND
SURGE OF MEXICANS DESIRING TO VISIT US; AND (7) AN
UNDERCURRENT OF FEELING, AND UNCERTAINTY, IN AN ELECTION
YEAR, THAT NOW IS THE TIME TO TRAVEL. (US TRAVEL SERVICE
PREDICTS MEXICAN TOURISM WILL BE UP AT LEAST 20 PERCENT
IN 1976 AND HAS NOTED GREATLY INCREASED TRAVEL DURING
CY 1975 PEAK SEASONS. FOR EXAMPLE, UP 75 PERCENT IN
DECEMBER AND UP 22 PERCENT IN JULY. US TRAVEL SERVICE
ALSO REPORTS MEXICAN TOURISTS SPENT HIGHEST VER,
1.3 BILLION , IN CY 1975.)

2. WHILE MOST PIT POSITIONS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR VISA SERVICES,
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PIT POSITIONS ARE ALSO NECESSARY FOR PASSPORTS AND SPECIAL CONSULAR

SERVICES. SCS WORKLOAD FOR ALL POSTS HAS INCREASED DRASTICALLY WITH THE RISE OF THE PRISONER PROBLEM AND WITH THE RISIN LEVEL OF DIFFICULTIES AND HARASSMENT ENCOUNTERED BY AMERICAN TOURISTS IN MEXICO. AS DEPT. AWARE, POSTS IN MEXICO ARE UNDER STRONG PRESSURE FROM CONGRESS AND THE PUBLIC TO IMPROVE SERVICES TO AMERICAN PRISONERS, AND WE ANTICIPATE INCREASING PRESSURE FOLLOWING RECENT FASCELL SUBCOMMITTEE HEARINGS. THE PIT POSITIONS REQUESTED FOR THIS PURPOSE ARE REQUIRED TO CARRY PEAK SEASON WORKLOAD IN OTHER ASPECTS OF SCS AND PPT WORK.

3. IN VIEW OF THESE FACTORS, EMBASSY IS REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION FOR FOLLOWING PIT POSITIONS COUNTRY-WIDE:

POST	AMER. (GRADE)	FSL (GRADE)	PERIODS
MEXICO	4(FSS 7/1)	3/15-9/15	
	2(FSS 10/1)	8 (FSL 3/1)	SAME
C. JUAREZ	1 (FSS7/1)	6/1-9/15	
	1 (FSL 3/2)	3/19-5/17	
		6/1-9/28	
	1 (FSL 2/1)	6/1-8/30	
GUADALAJARA		1 (FSL2/1)	6/1-8/30
HERMOSILLO		1 (FSL 2/1)	3/17-4/15
		6/21-9/10	
MERIDA		1 (FSL 2/1)	6/1-8/30
MONTERREY		3 (FSL 2/1)	3/17-4/15
		6/1-8/29	
TIJUANA	1 (FSS 10/1)	1 (FSL 2/1)	3/8-4/15
	2 (FSS 10/1)	6/15-9/6	
	2 (FSL 2/1)	6/1-9/30	

3. RSO HAS REVIEWED SECURITY REQUIREMENTS PER PARA. 2, STATE 122008 OF MAY 24, 1975 AND IS PREPARED TO MAKE REQUIRED CERTIFICATION TO SY FOLLOWING PIT POSITION AUTHORIZATIONS.

4. ON NOTIFICATION OF APPROVAL PIT POSITIONS AUTHORIZED, FORMS REQUIRED 3 FAM 122.5-6 WILL BE SUBMITTED.

5. ESTIMATED COSTS PIT PROGRAM WILL BE INCLUDED IN INCREASE/DECREASE STATEMENT DUE APRIL 1.
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